

## (Supplementary Information)

### Electronic and magnetic properties of Co doped MoS<sub>2</sub> monolayer

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#### 1. The atomic structures of 3×3 and 5×5 1-H MoS<sub>2</sub> supercells

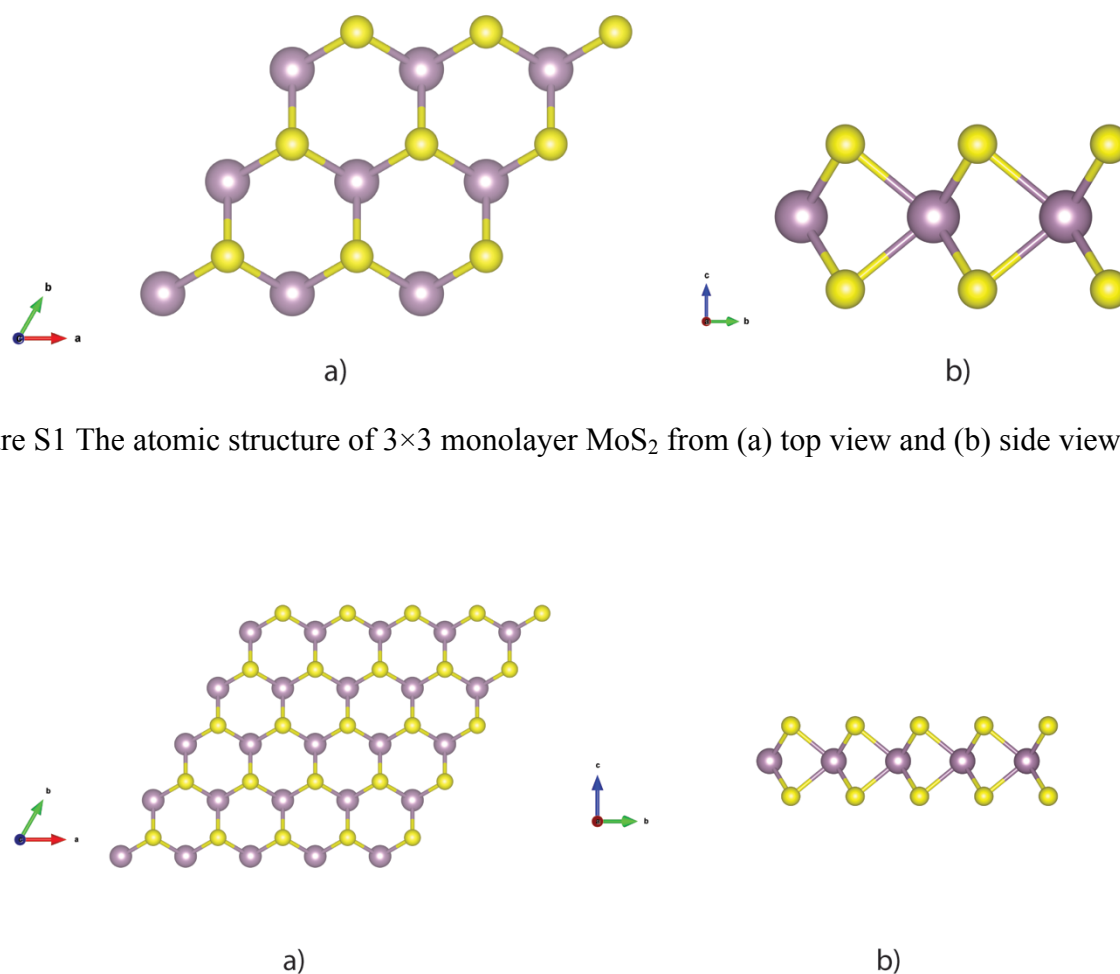


Figure S2 The atomic structure of 5×5 monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> from (a) top view and (b) side **view**.

## 2. Spin density of 3×3 1H-MoS<sub>2</sub> with a Mo vacancy

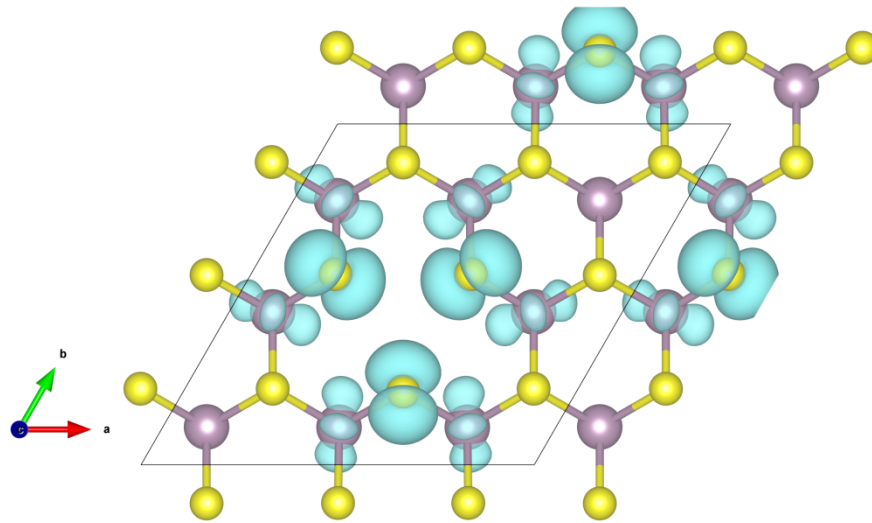


Figure S3 The spin densities of 3×3 monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> with a Mo vacancy. The line denotes the 3×3 supercell.

## 3. The calculated Curie temperature of 4×4 1-H MoS<sub>2</sub> supercells using different methods

Based on the Mean-field approximation (MFA), the Curie temperature ( $T_C$ ) can be estimated from the energy difference between the system in ferromagnetic state and in antiferromagnetic state using the following equation:

$$\frac{3}{2}k_B T_C = -\frac{\Delta E_{FM-AFM}}{n} \quad (1)$$

Here  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $\Delta E_{FM-AFM}$  is the energy difference, and  $n$  is the number of the dopants in the supercell which corresponds to 2 in this case.

To include the strong correlation effects GGA+U calculations of the supercell with this defects complex ( $Co_{Mo} + Co_{Mo}$ ) are performed. A fixed  $U=2.50$  eV is adopted for Mo atoms based on the previous studies, series values of  $U$  of Co are chosen from 0 to 3.0 eV. Based on the Eq.1 from MFA, the Curie temperature can be obtained as shown in the Table S1.

LD(S)A method on optimized lattice structure with defects complex ( $Co_{Mo} + Co_{Mo}$ ) is adopted as well. The results are pretty much similar with the GGA calculations, and the system prefers a ferromagnetic state as can be seen from Table S1.

Table S1 Energy difference  $\Delta E$  (in meV) between ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic ordering (EFM – EAFM) of t defects complex (CoMo+ CoMo) in position c with GGA+ U and LDA methods. Difference values of Hubbard U (in eV) for the 3d electrons in Co are adopted in GGA+ U method. A negative energy corresponds to FM ordering being more stable.

Method	GGA+ $U_{Co}=0$	GGA+ $U_{Co}=2.5$	GGA+ $U_{Co}=3.0$	LDA
$\Delta E(\text{eV})$	-11.3	-80.6	-94.6	-11.4
$T_C (\text{K})$	43.7	311.8	366	43.8